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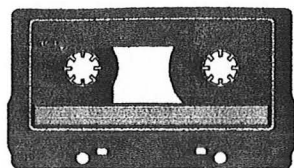
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AN ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW WITH: BETTY FOARD

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PM: This is Penny Messinger. I am doing an interview with Mrs. Betty Foard, who graduated from Marshall in 1947? (BF: '48) 1948. And this interview is taking place in Huntington, West Virginia. Where were you from originally?

BF: Huntington.

PM: Huntington. Why did you...why did you decide to go to Marshall?

BF: I didn't decide. That was it. [laughing] It was here. I had originally, was enrolled at Western Women's College in Oxford, Ohio. My grandmother had gone there. But then because of the war and one thing and then another, why, it was just...everybody else was going...very few people were going away to school at that time, and I just came here.

PM: You graduated in '48. When did you start? (BF: '44, fall of '44) Okay. So you attended Marshall for four years. What did...what was your major?

BF: Elementary education.

PM: And have you taught since then?

BF: I've taught for the past twenty years.

PM: I'd like to talk some about just what an average day at Marshall was like.

How...just give me sort of like a step-by-step account of what a day would be like. If you can remember.

BF: I can't remember. I don't know. I got up and took the bus to Marshall and went to class. And when I wasn't in class, I was either in Union or at the sorority house. And other than that, I really can't...I can't remember.

PM: You lived at home?

BF: Yeah, I lived at home.

PM: In Huntington?

BF: In Huntington.

PM: Where did you eat? Student Union

BF: Uh, I ate at the Student Union. Sometimes I came home, sometimes I ate at my grandmother's house, which was real close, sometimes I ate at the sorority house.

PM: How many classes did you usually have in one day?

BF: Seems to me I had four classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and labs in about two classes on Tuesday/Thursday. (PM: Okay) Now, that's just a rough estimate.

PM: Did you plan your schedule, or did the university have it all planned out for you?

BF: Oh, no, we planned our own.

PM: What kind of classes did you take?

BF: Child development, children's literature, basic English, the basic math courses that you take in your freshman year, English 101 or whatever they call it, and same thing with math and English and biology, physical science. I took home ec classes. And then I went on to let's see, child development and some different psychology classes and tests and measurements and guidance and counseling, physical ed and music. We had, and art, I had an art appreciation class. I had a literature class, social studies, history, economics. I took an accounting class. That's crossed into that...[phone ringing]...

PM: Okay, how was the semester...how were the semesters set up then? Same way they are now?

BF: Semester, two semesters and summer school.

PM: Did you go to summer school? (BF: No) I guess some people, a lot of teachers came there to renew their certificates.

BF: Same as they do now. A lot of the teachers came back to renew certificates and did all that in the summer time. But then after 1940-, let's see, the end of '45, beginning of 46, when the veterans came back, the classes were full the year round because most of, so many of them were married, they wanted to get in school and get out. And they were all business. There was no, no time for fun and games. They wanted in and out. And most of them were carrying eighteen, twenty, twenty-one hours. And they were doing, you know, finishing up as fast as they could.

PM: Okay. I want to talk about the veterans later. (BF: Okay) But let's just stick to just the general college life right now. What can you tell me about the dorms?

BF: I can't tell you a thing about the dorms. I was never in one.

PM: Never? Okay. Let me go on. Sororities...did the sororities have their houses?

BF: Sororities had houses and sororities were very strong at that time, very strong.

PM: Did most girls you knew belong to a sorority? (BF: Mmm-hmm) What...what percentage would you estimate?

BF: Oh, I would, gosh, I don't know, according to the enrollment, what the percentage was. But most of my friends were all in sororities. I'd say ninety percent of everybody I knew was in a sorority.

PM: Did you meet most of them through a sorority did you know them before?

BF: Oh, about 70/30 percent, 70% of them I knew beforehand, and 30%....

PM: What kind of relations were there between the faculty and students? Were they

kind of remote or did you...have real good rapport?

BF: No, no, they were real family like. You know, like a professor would say, "Do you feel all right today?" You know....do you ever get that? (PM: Sometimes) Or "Has this been a good day," or something like that. And then a lot of the teachers we knew, our families knew from way back.

PM: Were a lot of the professors local? From around here originally or did they...?

BF: No, not any more so than I think they are now. A lot of them, you know, had made their homes here and settled here, permanently. Because there wasn't, there didn't, as well as I can remember, there wasn't the transition of teachers that you have now, moving in and out.

PM: Let's talk some about the Model School. When did you attend it?

BF: I started in there in eighth grade, which would have been...let's see...about 1939.

PM: And you attended until you started Marshall? (BF: Mmm-hmm) Okay. (BF: '38, '39, something like that) How were you admitted to the Model School?

BF: You just applied.

PM: From anywhere around or the city, or...? I don't really know that much about it.

BF: Well, it was a lab school, is what it was. And they had classes that were limited to twenty-five students. And let's see, we had, the grades...they had a kindergarten and grade school. Which I did not attend. I went to Cabell, I mean, I went to Huntington public schools, up to eighth grade. And the reason I went to the lab school at that time, was there was only one high school in Huntington, and it was very crowded. And they were running a split-, what they called a split session of schools. The teachers were

teaching one group of students from 8 til 1 in the public school, in the public high school, and then or then the afternoon, 2 to 5, they had another section of students. And they were, they were overworked and they were tired. And you just, and my family felt that I would get a better education by going to the lab school. And the thing we hated was that people would refer to you as going to Marshall Model School. And they always made fun of it. But it was, I did get a good education there. I had small classes, I had a lot of individual attention and I had a lot of school life. I belonged to a lot of the organizations that were affiliated with Huntington High School, the social groups and that sort of thing. But I don't feel that I really missed a whole lot by going to the lab school. And I gained a great deal.

PM: You said that some of the students made fun of you if you went to the lab school. Why?

BF: Oh, well, you know, they always said only the rich kids and only the good-goodies and that sort of thing went to the.... Or if you were a probationary-type student, sometimes we had some of those over there, too. But not really, now that I look back on it. But that's what a lot of people really thought. But it wasn't. It was just...really, anybody could go there that had the money to pay. And I think it was something like \$25 a semester.

PM: Was it something that...was it...did it have a good reputation? (BF: Yes) A lot of people wanted to go and couldn't get in?

BF: No, anybody could get, as long as there was room. And there was a waiting list in the grade school. And, but once you got in the grade school, why, most usually you

went on through. And a lot of the students would go through the lab school until ninth grade, and then the families would send them to prep schools.

PM: Okay. What kind of contact would you have with the college while you were in the lab school? The college students?

BF: We had student teachers.

PM: That was about it?

BF: That was about it. We could go...sometimes we went to the gym or for some activities, sometimes we went to the music building for some additional instruction and things like that.

PM: But you weren't in places like the Student Center? (**BF:** No) Nothing like that.

Okay. Did you teach at the Model School later? You were an education major.

BF: No. I did my student teaching there, but that was all.

PM: Okay. Mmmh. Did you find out that a lot of the Model School graduates later went to Marshall? I know you said that some of them went to prep schools.

BF: Probably more of them...mmmh...I would say that a hundred percent of my high school class went to college, and out of that, fifty percent went away to school.

PM: Okay. Let's talk some about entertainment and social life. You were a member of a sorority? (**BF:** Mmm-hmm) And which one was it?

BF: Tri-sig.

PM: It's still in existence, right? (**BF:** Yes) Why did you..why did you join?

BF: Well, because I wanted to. And all my friends belonged to Tri-Sigs. And that's the only sorority I wanted. Either Tri-Sig or none.

PM: And most students, you said earlier, a lot of the students belonged to sororities.

BF: Yeah, a lot of them belonged, most all my friends belonged to sororities, fraternities.

PM: Let' see.... What did you do for entertainment on campus? Around campus?

BF: Well, we had spring and fall dances, which were held at the Student Union. Well, some of them were. There was I think we had some dances at the Women's Club, and we had..where else did we have...oh, we had some dances out at Woodland, which is no longer. And I think we had one at the Field House one time. And we had, they had slumber parties at the sorority house. And they'd have different things that would revolve around that. I really don't remember what all we did do. We went to basketball games, maybe we'd go someplace afterwards. But as far as dating and where we went when we dated, I didn't date that much at the first two years of college, because I didn't date cadets. And let's see, there weren't really that many boys on campus. And not, a lot of the girls, I mean, a lot of the girls didn't date. So we went to the movies and things of that sort. And there were places oh, like you have the Varsity and places like that, on campus. One of them was Woodland, another one was Shady Rest. Let's see.... I can't think of.... Well, at one point, and I think that was before I went to college, we had a nightclub called the Continental. I never, my family took me over there. But I don't remember if the college students went over there much or not. Oh, I remember where else we had dances, at the downtown hotels. There was a ballroom at the Frederick Hotel, and the Prichard Hotel. And we had parties there. Or dances.

PM: I read somewhere at the Prichard, they [inaudible]...soldiers at the Prichard during

the war. (BF: I don't remember)....anything about that? You talked about going to the movies. Was that something that was real common?

BF: Oh, yeah, everybody went to the movies, sure.

PM: Were the students...now they say students are people in the age group of about 18 to 24, are the main group that goes to the movies. Was it the same then?

BF: Well, we didn't have television, so everybody went to the picture shows or movies or whatever. And we also went to the Artist Series, we had community players and the theater at Marshall. And that kind of thing. They had Sadie Hawkins Day, they had different special events on campus, from time to time. They had a oh, a thing similar to what I think they used to call, if they have it, Pike's Peak. Do they have a Pike's Peak now? (PM: Doesn't sound familiar) Well, it's an intramural type thing, the Pike fraternity sponsored Pike's Peak. And it was very popular at one point. But they had some, some things like that. And they had rallies before and after football games. They used to have the bonfire thing before Homecoming. And we had parades and floats, and we'd work on those, the Greek organizations. And then the independents and the uh, dormitories had their floats, too. Things weren't quite as elaborate as they are now. I guess we were content to settle for less. But there, we didn't have the as many things available to us. And everybody didn't have cars. That's another thing. Most people...I think of the number of kids now, it's sort of automatic, when you're sixteen, you get your car. And when you're sixteen, you got to drive the family car, if you were lucky. Of course, there was gas rationing in there, too.

PM: How did that affect recreation?

BF: Well, you walked a lot and you rode the bus. [chuckles]

PM: When you got married, how did your social life change? Were you still real active in your sorority?

BF: No. No, that last year I just practically dropped out of the sorority and was busy keeping house and being a wife and going to school, and many of the majority of our friends got married at the same time and our social life evolved around visiting each other's house, because nobody had enough money to do much else. We played a lot of Bridge.

PM: Did your life at school change much when you got married?

BF: We made better grades. [chuckles] I wasn't...I was more business-like about it. I had a, I guess I matured a lot. I had a more realistic approach towards studies, I suppose.

PM: Were there a lot of married students? (BF: Yes) Were there...were there a lot more after the war than there had been before?

BF: Oh, yes, yes, uh-huh.

PM: I read somewhere, I'm not sure where, that after the war, enrollment at Marshall grew so much that they set up temporary housing. (BF: Yeah) Where did you live during the war?

BF: At, well, (PM: with your husband, after you got married) well, we were very fortunate. We had a house. In fact, we had a house out on Donald Avenue, in the upper part of Donald Avenue they had the uh, what do you call 'em? Veterans housing out there. And there were....

PM: Where is Donald Avenue? I'm not....

BF: It's out in Enslow Park area. You cross the bridge there and go on over on the other side there. But they had temporary housing put up out there. They were like, they were framed buildings and they had efficiency-type apartments in 'em. And they stayed there for a long time, longer than they should have. And uh, lots of families lived out there 'til they graduated from school.

PM: These buildings were erected after the war?

BF: No, they were erected during the war. Because they had some, some of the cadets that came in were, lived out there. But they were married, the married ones.

PM: Let's see, where to next. On weekends, is that when most of the social activity took place? Now at Marshall on the weekends, the [inaudible]...is just like a huge wasteland. Everybody goes home for the weekend. I mean, the people in the dorms, most of them go home. A lot of people stay in apartments in Huntington go home.

BF: No, there wasn't that much going home. A lot of kids went home, but then they didn't have the money to go home. And at one point, there was no gasoline to go home. And if they went home, they rode the bus.

PM: Did most of the social activities take place on Friday, Saturday nights?

BF: Yes, weekends.

PM: Okay. I read some back issues of The Parthenon, and The Parthenon's changed since then. It came out weekly? (BF: Yes) How much influence did it have?

BF: I don't remember.

PM: Did you...did you read it religiously every time it came out?

BF: No. (PM: Most people didn't) No. Oh, we read it. But I didn't. Some people read it more than others.

PM: Something I found kind of different from now, they had a column on the sororities and fraternities social activities. (PM: Mmm-hmm) And another column they had was on veterans or people from Marshall who were going to fight. (BF: Mmm-hmm, yeah) Let's talk some about the war and its influence. How did Marshall change? You were at the Model School.

BF: Yes, at the Model School during '41. Well, you were accustomed to having the Air Force cadets walk along in their little groups. And they usually sang or chanted as they marched along. And of course, in high school we, the girls would get all atwitter and you know, "There come the cadets," and that sort of thing. I mean, just like girls do today. And uh...but I don't really remember how things changed. The only thing I remember is that my first two years of college there were not very many boys on campus. And then when they came back, it made a big change in the attitude of the classes. Because classes became a lot more competitive and requirements, when you might slide by on something beforehand, there was no sliding by and the class average took a big jump. Because they were men that came back and they were ready, we were girls and boys beforehand. And when they came, when the veterans came back, as I'd said, they were there for the business of getting an education. And a lot of them knew exactly what they wanted to do. And they were there to get it and get out and get on with their lives. And they really, they really applied themselves to the fullest. And there were still those that wanted to play around and that sort of thing. But most of

these, the average age probably was 23. And I found that with each decade that you reach, there just seems to be a change in your prospective. And I think one of the biggest changes was after twenty, that you really kind of see things a little bit differently. I said, I told my children, I said, what you see with the girls say, a young man at eighteen. At twenty or twenty-one, you'll look and think, "What did I see in them? Why did I think they were wonderful, or I wanted to date them," or whatever. At 21 you look back and think, "Gee, that's not for me." And you begin to have a little more insight, I think.

PM: How old were you when you got married? (BF: Twenty-one) [chuckles]

How old was your husband? (BF: He was twenty-four) What...did the returning servicemen, about what kind of fields did they go into?

BF: Just as varied as they are now probably.

PM: Does Marshall still...it still has a reputation as a teacher's college. Was that the same, was it more so then, less so? Did it change during the war?

BF: I don't know. We had a School of Engineering at that time. And uh, their business administration was a real strong program, and the engineering school was...there were a lot of them in that. I think the music department has certainly enhanced itself and grown. Particularly under Dr. Kingsbury. I think it was outstanding, and they had some outstanding faculty. Especially with Jan Shepherd, who was on the faculty there. And oh...I don't know...I really don't...I think we did a lot more in the music area. I don't know about the art school. It seems that they have expanded that a great deal and they have a gallery there now, don't they? (PM: The Burke Art Gallery) And I think that

has gained a certain amount of reputation and renown, [inaudible]...has grown, along with some of the departments. But I really have not been that closely affiliated with it. I've gone back and taken some classes from time to time, but they've all...since I've, you know, got into education, professionally, why, naturally that's where...the classes I took.

PM: You talked about the cadets being on campus. Where did they stay?

BF: In the dormitories.

PM: Did they...were they being educated at Marshall? (BF: Yes) How were they affiliated?

BF: They had the, I guess they've always had an ROTC there. They were there and they took part of their training and then they went off to some place else. I really don't know.

PM: Did they have much influence on campus life? (BF: No) Not at all? (BF: Mmm-huh) How...how was the...how were they regarded? I know you said you didn't date them.

BF: They were regarded very favorably. Of course, a lot of them...I don't know. I had dates with some, a few, I had two or three dates. But I didn't, you know, date anybody regularly. I know an awful lot, well, not an awful lot, but I know a few people married cadets and had very happy lives. And some of them ended up here, and some of them have gone on. And some of them have gone on other places and permanent careers in the service and come back here and retired.

PM: Do you know of any names?

BF: Mmm-hmm.

PM: Can you give me a few of them?

BF: Yeah, Mr. and Mrs. Gene O'Malley for one. They retired from the Air Force. They live in Huntington. Tootie McGuire, but I can't remember her married name. Scott Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Albright, but they live in the Washington area. Hugh Batton. They live in Washington. He was in the Navy. He was an ace. He was the one who supposedly flew under the 6th Street bridge.

PM: I had heard that story.

BF: Well, he's a good friend of my husband's. They were in the same fraternity. And we, they visited here and so forth. Uh...who else? Let' see, Frank and Eunice Gleason, but I don't think they were...I don't think he was a cadet here. Oh, shoot, I can't think of anybody else right now. I have to look at some of my pictures.

PM: That's what they're for.

BF: Yeah, here's some Sadie Hawkins Day. Some of this is high school. Those are the only ones I can think of, right off hand. [pausing to look through pictures] I really can't...in fact, none of these had really any pictures of the cadets in here, these books.....

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BF: . . .where the old, well, I think it's torn down now. The old gym isn't there, is it?

PM: The women's gym?

BF: Is that the women's gym that's up at 6th uh....

PM: I'm not sure, the women's gym was torn down a couple of years ago.

BF: Well, that was the gym, and the men had one end of it, and this was in the main, where they played basketball. That was part of...everybody had a concession. It was a fair-type thing. Sort of on the scale of what you have now, when I look back on it, probably compared to what the school fairs, the local school fairs do. [pointing out pictures] This was a big snow that we had. And let's see...that's my cousin, that's me. But that was college. This was campus life.

PM: Was this typical dress? A skirt and...(BF: Yeah)...bobby socks?

BF: Bobby socks and saddle shoes or loafers.

PM: And a sweater?

BF: Mmm-hmm. And these skirts had three pleats, box pleats, in the front, and three in the back. There was a time there where we wore huge rhinestone pins, which were [inaudible].... That's '45.....[still looking at pictures] Oh, that's me. [laughing at her own picture] These were...this is Mrs. O'Malley. These were all sorority sisters. And that's a puppy.

PM: Sadie Hawkins Day, that was a big deal?

BF: Yeah, that was a big deal. Everybody got dressed up and we had a good time.

PM: What sort of things did you do?

BF: Well, they had the greased pig race and they had Lil Abner and Daisy Mae and they had a dance and a sort of a field day type thing. And it was an all day type thing. But those were Sadie Hawkins Day. Oh, this was a rush party. This was a Tri-Sig mock wedding. It was our third party. [PM inaudible] Yeah, it was a mock wedding. It was a marriage of a pledge and an active. And they, the ceremony was all revolved

around sorority meeting and all that sort of thing. I thought I had some...these were invitations that we got. Let's see.... And this was before, oh, this was a fashion show type thing that they had at one time. This was part of a rush party.

PM: [inaudible]...looks like.

BF: No, it was a nautical theme. And this was part of the fashion show thing. And the theme of the fashion show was around, you know, around the clock. That's all in that. I guess there'd be more in the annuals than that. We...I think...we had faculty sponsors and we had chaperone's at all the dances, faculty chaperoned and the faculty sponsors attended all social functions. Which is probably a little different than they do now. And of course, we were there when the basketball team won the NAIB. I thought there'd be a little more in this than that. [looking through annual]

PM: Did they uh, did the basketball team keep on playing all through the war?

BF: I think there was one year we did not have a basketball team. But I don't really remember. We had cheerleaders, I remember the cheerleaders. And I know we didn't have football...I don't know when the football came back.

PM: They were suspended during part of the war?

BF: Yeah, it was suspended, uh-huh. I don't see....this was Sadie Hawkins Day. We had [inaudible]....there. Mammie Yokum and these were all the characters from the cartoon strip. It was fun.

PM: Looks like it was. Mostly it...

BF: Everybody got into it. No, there was no...anybody that wanted to participated.

PM: Did you go to class dressed like this [referring to picture]?

BF: Well, this was on the weekend. (PM: Oh, I see) I think. Yeah, but they came....I'm trying to think if we did go to class like that. I don't really remember. Of course, it was kind of a big deal. Everybody wore blue jeans. [laughing] Isn't that something? And they didn't really have girl blue jeans then. If you had blue jeans, you went to the men's...you know, like the Army/Navy store or the Penny's or Sears or some of those places and bought the men's blue jeans.

PM: It's hard to imagine school without blue jeans now.

BF: Well, we didn't wear slacks either, that much. And we wore dresses or skirts. And whenever we got to the sororities first parties, we wore hat and gloves. And you girls don't know anything about that today.

PM: No, I've never owned a hat since I was a very young girl. [laughing] I have some more questions. Your husband was in the military service, right? (BF: Mmm-hmm) Then you married when he returned. Did you know him before the war?

BF: Mmm-hmm. We didn't date, but I knew him. Our families were friends.

PM: I just don't know what else to ask.

BF: Anything. I mean, I had a good time at Marshall. I thoroughly enjoyed. I wouldn't take anything in the world for it. I think college is probably the most carefree time you'll ever have in your life. And it should be enjoyed. You should study, you should work hard, but you should also enjoy it, and have fun. Because it's, really the last time in your life that you're gonna have that opportunity to enjoy as little as responsibility as you will ever have. And I don't mean to neglect your purpose for being there. But make the most of it. And take advantage of the opportunity for the education, and that

sort of thing. But at the same time, have a good time. Because after that, if you get married and you have families, not that you don't enjoy that. But you have somebody else to think of. Right now you don't have anybody to think of but yourself. Basically. You think of your family and so forth. But I mean, you're not responsible for putting clothes on their backs or putting meals on the table or that kind of thing. I mean, not that that's...well, yes it is, too. Because you have to stop and think, "No, I can't do that, because I have to be at home to do something. Or I have to pick up this child there. Or I can't go because my child's sick. Or I have a business commitment. There's a meeting I have to attend, in connection with my job," or whatever. And you know the rent's not going to be paid if you don't show up. Or you're not going to have food on the table or you're not going to make that car payment or you're not going to be able...you can't buy that dress because it doesn't work in your budget right now, or if you did buy it, then you worry about how you're going to pay for everything. And right now you don't have that worry.

PM: Let's talk a little bit more now about married life in college. You said...

BF: Well, I just had one year. So...and I really was not on campus, except to attend class. I went to class, went to the library and came home.

PM: Were there...was that the general experience, as far as you could tell, of married students?

BF: Uh...probably. Now, once...those of us that did get married and go and finish school, we pretty well stuck to going to school and coming home. If you had research of if you wanted to study, you'd go to the library. I know I was amazed that after I got

married, that I could go to the library in an hour and a half and two hours. I could accomplish miracles, whereas before I'd sit in the library four hours and not get anything done. I guess it took me that long to learn how to study or something. I don't know. Because there were other things when I got home that I wanted to do. And so, we would would maybe be gone to my family's for dinner or his family's for dinner or there'd be something that we'd plan on doing together. Because of course, he was working and I in school.

PM: Were there a lot of students who had outside jobs?

BF: Oh, yeah. David worked full-time and carried...he never carried less than 18 hours and most of the time he carried as much as 23 hours and worked, too. That's how he finished almost three years of school in two.

PM: How many...uh, what percentage, if you're gonna estimate, of students who had outside jobs. I'd say the majority of 'em coming back worked. I think a lot of the time, though, I think a lot of the Marshall students have always worked. I think it's been pretty consistent with that. Don't a lot of them work now? (PM: Mmm-hmm) I think-, I thought so. I didn't. But I was fortunate, I guess, I didn't have to. And, but a lot of the students worked. Part-time jobs. A lot of them worked like say in the department stores downtown and they'd work on Saturday's, or they'd work half a day and then they had that [inaudible]...education type course, which they still do, where you work in connection with the class. (PM: Mmm-hmm) But then a lot of them just worked because they had to work. It's the only way they could go to school.

PM: How much was the tuition then?

BF: I was trying to remember. Seems to me that my first semester in college, which would have been fall of '44, the tuition was \$37.50 a semester.

PM: [laughing] Man, I wish that was the way it was now.

BF: Now, that was for a West Virginia student, and not living on campus.

PM: How much difference was there for on-campus students?

BF: I don't know. I didn't...

PM: You didn't live on campus.

BF: I didn't live on campus. And I didn't, I wasn't out of state, so..... I really don't. But I know, of course, what tuition has, how tuition has changed over the years. After all, I've put-, we've put four children through school.

PM: Right now at Marshall I think it's about \$32 per hour for, for in-state rates. It's right around there.

BF: Mmm-hmm, that figures. Having, I hope, paid the last tuition I'll ever have to pay. Goodness sakes.

PM: We talked about housing before, you said there was some temporary housing near where you lived. (BF: Mmm-hmm) Was there any on campus?

BF: Yes, I think there were some buildings on campus. They didn't stay up very long. And they were frame barracks-type housing. I'm trying to think where they were. I can't remember. I may be wrong on that. But seems to me there were, there was some of that temporary housing that they had to house students. And that may be where they housed some of the cadets. I know they used to have some temporary housing over on Third Avenue side, in front of Old Main. And I think at one time, that was part of the

engineering department.

PM: What kind of, about how tall were the buildings? Were they...?

BF: Two-story.

PM: Two-story? How big...how many rooms would they have in 'em, how many houses?

BF: They had some two and four-unit apartments.

PM: So there would be like two to four apartments per building? (BF: Mmm-hmm) How many buildings were there? Do you remember?

BF: Uh-huh. They had that out there where we used to live. There must have been about ten, ten or twelve buildings. I think they had about four units in each one. Now, that's just a guesstimate.

PM: Well, I can't find many figures on it, or haven't yet. Or I just haven't looked in the right place yet.

BF: Well, my next-door neighbor lived out there. They're a lot younger than we are. There were there in the 50's. And they would have a better idea. Some of them were pretty bad. I mean, by that time. They weren't too bad, I think, in the beginning. But by the time they moved into them, they were not very nice.

PM: How long would they last after that, do you know?

BF: I don't know when they tore those down. Must have been the 1960's, anyway. I think before that, but I don't know.

PM: Well, I don't really have any more questions right now. I thank you for your time.

BF: Well, you're very welcome. I hope this will be a help.

PM: I'm sure it can. Let's talk some more about the war. How was it different?

BF: Well, I think one thing we didn't say was that the majority of the social activities, our life, not activities, but the social life, centered around the sorority house. And as I said, we didn't...sugar was rationed, gasoline was rationed, cigarettes were rationed. So if you wanted to make fudge, you had to sneak and get the sugar from somebody. And I started to smoke, everybody did at the sorority house because you were sitting around doing things. And I smoke then. And uh, you know, you did all those things. And it's funny. We smoked. Everybody made fun of and laughed about the cigarettes that we smoked. We smoked all the cheap brands and we paid fifteen cents a package for them. And if you get, I think it was Fatina's and they were ten or twelve cents a pack. And everybody wanted to smoke Lucky Strikes, but they were fifteen cents a pack. And you could never get them. [chuckles] And let's see what else. Fatina's and Wings. Wings was another brand of cigarettes that, those were the real cheapies.

PM: I've heard of those somewhere. I don't know where. And of course, there was the, the usual amount of beer consumption, I'm sure, that there is now. I don't know whether it's more or less. But if, and there was a certain amount of drinking that, the same is I'm sure there is now. The only thing we didn't have was drugs. But I think everything else...I don't think anything else has changed that drastically. You're always going to have maybe a little bit more now. At least, it starts a lot younger now than it did when I was in high school and that sort of thing. But the, we did a lot of partying, I guess you'd call it partying now. But we visited a lot of the sorority houses and we'd sit around and just talk. And the girls would meet in so and so's room or.... My favorite

place was the third floor. My friends all lived on the third floor...at the sorority house.

And at that time, the Tri-Sig house was uh, it was the third house from the corner of Elm Street. And there's ...it's the last fraternity house that burned.

PM: It's across from the Student Center.

BF: Right across from the Student Center. That was the Tri-Sig house.

PM: Was that the Pike House?

BF: Maybe it was the Pike House.

PM: It had a statue out front.

BF: Yeah, yeah, it had that out front. That was the Tri-Sig house when I was on campus.

PM: How many Tri-Sigs were there on campus then?

BF: Gosh, we had...we had a big chapter. Sixty, seventy, look through here and see.

PM: Was it one of the biggest majorities?

BF: Yes, it was a big sorority. And of course, it was the best. That's a good sized chapter. [pointing to a picture] She married a cadet, a service man, it's my big sister. But I don't know whatever happened to her.

PM: How much contact do you have with these people now?

BF: [pointing out various faces in annual] Mmmh...let's see, I see her periodically, I see her all the time. (PM: Who are they?) This is Mrs. Joe Neal, she was Peggy Moore at that time. She was president of the sorority. And this is Jean Johnson Beard. She was treasurer. And this is Alice Virginia Dickinson, who is Alice Virginia O'Malley. We called her Skinny. This is Miss Dorsey Pennington. I see her frequently. And this

Harriet Lyons, we were best friends. That's me. I see her all the time. We belong to the same church now. I see her frequently. Ann Holt, she was Ann Clark. We taught together. And oh...her name has left me. That's terrible.Uh...let's see, I did see her. They moved to Florida now. Virginia Pack, she died. She's in Charleston now. She's in Texas.

PM: Who are they? Remember we're talking to a tape.

BF: This is Becky McComas. She was Becky Saterlite. And she has three daughters. And one of them taught for me last year, went to public school this year. I'll see her every now and then, but I don't.... We're friends, we've been in dance club together and that kind of thing. And she is and she is. I see her a lot of time. [pausing] That's about all of that group that I see. But now out of this girl, this is a town girl, town girl, town girl, town girl, town girl, town, town, town, but she's from Hamlin. Uh, town girl, town girl, she was from Logan, town girl, town girl, town-,that's me, town girl, town, Huntington, Huntington. So you see, the majority of them are local girls. This girl, this girl, this girl, they're all from Huntington. So it was almost like a local sorority. She was a town girl, she was, she was, she was, she was, she was, she was, she was.

PM: [inaudible]

BF: Yeah, she was, she was. And she was. So see, the one reason there was a strong...we really had to reach out to get out of town girls to, we were always after more out of town girls. And that was always sort of a-, not a problem, but something that we had to be aware of. And, but I...we...I guess I see Peggy and Estelle probably more than anybody in this group. Although one of my very best friends, two of my very best

friends, were before this. They graduated before this picture was taken. And I see them all the time. Hazel Flend, who was Hazel Ferguson, and her sister, Jane, they were both Tri-Sigs. But they graduated before this. And uh, Ruth Thompson, who was Ruth Hamill. And I see them all the time. And they're both very active in things. I was looking for David's fraternity. There's Phi Tau Alpha. And...this is Joe Steven's Drug Store. I don't know that I know all of them. Oh...George Gold. He was [inaudible]...he's been in the school system here. Nope, that's me in there. Most of this was before the boys were back from the service. So it wasn't a real.... But he's, Ballard, he's a chiropractor down in the west end. This was Pi Kappa Sigma. There again, they have a lot of local girls, too. You see a lot of these girls now. But see, we all were skirts. And a lot of them came dressed like that, because she may have had a job some place else where she had to go to work.

PM: These all have coats on.

BF: Yeah, this is Panhellenic. And she was a Tri-Sig, she was a Tri-Sig, she was, she was, I was on that after that, but not that year. That's a Catholic. They still have the Newman Club, don't they?

PM: They have the Newman...they have a building, I guess, I really don't know much about it.

BF: It's the Catholic students organization.

PM: Mmm-hmm, they have a center for them.

BF: Yeah, Newman Center, that's right. I forget who is was named for...I don't remember. Student Council, Student Government. This was, they said all the phys ed

majors belonged to this.

PM: Sportlets?

BF: Mmm-hmm. Let's see, this was on the steps of the Student Union.

PM: Lots of women on the student council.

BF: Mmm-hmm, well, there weren't that many men. That's Keith Newman, he's a lawyer here in town now. Charlie Proctor.

PM: There weren't this many women involved when, when there wasn't a war going on?

BF: I don't think so. Well, this was Delgado. He's a Presbyterian minister now. He was president of student body. Keith Niemans, he was vice-president. Martha Steele, there she is. She was secretary. And Rachel Nunley, there she is. And Chris Farley, Chris Farley...I can't remember.... But uh...[inaudible]..she wasn't from Huntington. Nice gal. Theta [inaudible]...was a local sorority, same as Pi Kappa Alpha was a local fraternity. And this was the forerunner of the Alpha Zi Delta sorority, and the Pi Kappa Delta, I mean, in the oh, David's fraternity, well...I just looked at it. Phi Tau Alpha. I have a Phi Tau Alpha pin. That was the forerunner of the Sigma-, not Sigma Ki, SA fraternity, which is no more on campus. They had their....

PM: They looked pretty active there.

BF: There were always a good...they had a lot of outstanding.....

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